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SENATE BILL 528

49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO SPECIAL DISTRICTS; AMENDING THE REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT ACT TO ALLOW CERTAIN DISTRICTS TO ENGAGE IN CERTAIN ROAD PROJECTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 73-25-1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2003, Chapter 65, Section 1) is amended to read:

"73-25-1. SHORT TITLE.--~~[This act]~~ Chapter 73, Article 25 NMSA 1978 may be cited as the "Regional Transit District Act"."

Section 2. Section 73-25-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2003, Chapter 65, Section 3) is amended to read:

"73-25-3. DEFINITIONS.--As used in the Regional Transit District Act:

A. "board" means the board of directors of a district;

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- 1 B. "bond" means a revenue bond;
- 2 C. "combination" means two or more governmental
3 units that exercise joint authority;
- 4 D. "commission" means the state transportation
5 commission;
- 6 E. "construct" or "construction" means the
7 planning, designing, engineering, acquisition, installation,
8 construction or reconstruction of a regional transit system;
- 9 F. "district" means a regional transit district
10 that is a political subdivision of the state created pursuant
11 to the Regional Transit District Act;
- 12 G. "governmental unit" means the state, a county or
13 a municipality of the state or an Indian nation, tribe or
14 pueblo located within the boundaries of the state;
- 15 H. "regional transit system" means:
- 16 (1) a property, improvement or system designed
17 to be compatible with established state and local
18 transportation plans that transports or conveys passengers
19 within a region by means of a high-occupancy vehicle, including
20 an automobile, truck, bus, van or railcar; or
- 21 (2) a street, road, highway or bridge that is
22 significant to the district as determined by the board, in a
23 district whose geographic area includes a class A county with a
24 population greater than five hundred thousand according to the
25 most recent federal decennial census; and

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I. "revenues" means tolls, fees, rates, charges, assessments, grants, contributions or other income and revenues received by the district."

Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the provisions of this act is July 1, 2009.